

City of Auburn Traffic Committee MINUTES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
8:30 a.m.
Auburn City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way, **Room 10**

The Regular Session of the Traffic Committee was held in Room 10, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. with Chair Ruffcorn presiding and Deputy City Clerk Amy Lind recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Chair John Ruffcorn, Dir. Of Public Works Bernie Schroeder, Planning Commissioner Alan Young

Committee Members Absent: Bill Kirby, Robert Richardson

1. **Public Comment: none.**
2. **Approval of 1/17/2012 Minutes.**
Unanimously approved (Alan Young abstained due to absence)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. Crosswalk at Auburn Folsom and Lincoln
Resident Janice Forbes requested this item be on the agenda. She said she has concerns with the crosswalk being a danger due to cars not stopping and speeding through the intersection. She said it is northbound traffic turning right onto Lincoln. She said the dangerous intersections like this create a divide between Old Town and Downtown due to not being walk-friendly.
Chief Ruffcorn said he will increase enforcement at the area. He said he will do research in the next 4 months at that location and report back at a future meeting.
Bernie explained speed surveys and the struggles to make speed changes. She said she will look into the timing of the crosswalk light to possibly extend the "walk" time.

4. 991 Lincoln Way/ possible placement of a loading zone

Elizabeth Townsend, who works in the Victorian next to the Theater, brought this item forward. She said after the improvements to Lincoln Way in the Streetscape Project, they are struggling with a single parking spot directly in front of the building being occupied for long periods of time making it difficult for some of her patients to get to the office.

Bernie explained there is not enough room to make the spot handicapped compliant. She said the spot is currently designated as 3 hour parking. Chief Ruffcorn suggested the tenants request the property owner create a "loading/unloading" zone on the private driveway to patients. He said he would check out the area and let her know if he comes up with any other solutions.

5. Request for speed bumps or dips on Pleasant Avenue

Ally Griffith brought forward this item. She said she has speed concerns on Pleasant Ave. She said this street is used as a cut-through for many drivers and the downhill side is all residential. She said the problem peaks at 730-9am and 330-550pm.

Alan Young said on the downhill there is very low visibility. He said he agrees with the speed problem on this street. He said enforcement/education by law enforcement might be the only answer. Bernie said this issue has come before the traffic committee before and it resulted in a stop sign at Knoll. She said an ordinance was passed by voters/residents to outlaw speed bumps.

Chief Ruffcorn said education and enforcement are key on this issue. He said he feels it's the same drivers daily that are creating the problem. He said he would step up enforcement in the area and report back.

6. White zone parking in front of Old Town Post Office

This item was removed because Robert Huntington, who originally brought it forward, said the problem had been addressed and completed. He thanked us for following up.

7. Sight Distance Concerns at Meadows Court and Dairy Road

Bernie brought this item forward. She said because a resident has planted a full large type of tree on the corner of their lot, a sight problem at the intersection is now occurring. She said the area that the tree is planted is in the city public utility easement. She passed around pictures showing the sight problem.

Chief Ruffcorn said he sent officers to that location and they conceded that the tree was going to need to be removed.

Consensus of the committee was to move forward with removal of the tree.

Adjournment

Chief Ruffcorn adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting May 15, 2012 at 830am.

Agenda items will include follow up on crosswalk (Janice Forbes)

Update on Enforcement on Pleasant Ave (Ally Griffith)